

EXHIBIT 16-A

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CA 93921

*A LEADERSHIP VOICE TO ADDRESS THE PRESSING NEED OF ENSURING THE REGION CONTINUES
TO HAVE A SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, AND RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY*

February 10, 2012

Dave Potter, Chair
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Post Office Box 85
Monterey, CA 93942

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Dear Chair Potter:

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority was created by the six Monterey Peninsula cities to further the efforts of developing additional water supply before the imposed December 31, 2016 deadline upon which the region will be required to reduce its use of the Carmel River. The Authority held its inaugural meeting on February 9, 2012 at Sunset Center in Carmel.

The Authority wants to reach out to you and the other agencies involved in securing a future water supply for the Monterey Peninsula. We are asking for your input and response to the following questions:

- Are you interested in working with the Authority in securing a future water supply?
- What do you see as your role in working with the Authority to secure a future water supply?
- What water supply alternatives are your agency developing that will be part of the solution in the future?

The Authority will be compiling responses from you and the other agencies and will be considering the information at an upcoming meeting. Given the timeline and importance of the issue we are asking for your response no later than February 23, 2012.

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is providing initial administrative support to the Authority. Please feel free to contact me or Jason Stilwell, Carmel City Administrator for questions you may have or for additional information. I can be reached at 646-3760 or at dellasal@ci.monterey.ca.us. Jason can be reached at 831-620-2058 or at jstilwell@ci.carmel.ca.us.

Thank you in advance for the information and we look forward to hearing your thoughts of how we might best work together on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Chuck Della Sala
President

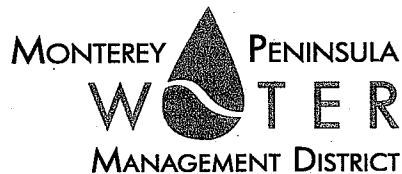
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February 15, 2012

Hon. Chuck Della Sala
President
Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority
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Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93921

Dear President Della Sala:

Thank you for your letter to Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Chair, Dave Potter, dated February 10, 2012.

Our Board will be meeting to discuss these issues at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 23rd. Hence, we will be unable to provide the responses you seek until after that. However, we do intend to give great consideration to your request and will provide a formal response after that meeting.

We appreciate your interest in finding ways to work together with the District on these important topics, and look forward to more discussion in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Stoldt".

David J. Stoldt
General Manager

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